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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 9, 2005, attached is a clean copy of the specification. Although the allegedly non-compliant Amendment was filed before implementation of the rule changes that would have required a clean copy, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone for any additional materials.

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